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## 'Never Forgotten' – POWs/MIAs honored at ceremony

By John Maynard Jr.  
DFAS Corporate Communications

Employees at Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus, Defense Supply Center Columbus and other installation employees gathered at the DFAS flagpole Sept. 16 in observance of Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day.

POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies are held the third Friday in September throughout the nation and around the world to honor all Americans who are former prisoners of war, as well as service members and civilians still unaccounted-for and their families.

The DFAS/DSCC ceremony began with Priscilla Appelgate, an accountant with DFAS Accounting Services, singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

Nancy Zmyslinski, central site director at DFAS Columbus, then welcomed those in attendance and thanked the numerous groups who participated in the ceremony.

Referring to this year's POW/MIA



(DSCC photo by Dave Benzing)

Nancy Zmyslinski, central site director at DFAS Columbus (left), and DSCC Commander Navy Rear Adm. Charlie Lilli (right) present a plaque to retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Edward J. Mechenbier at a Sept. 16 POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony. Mechenbier was guest speaker for the ceremony and was a prisoner of war for nearly six years during the Vietnam War. His plane was shot down in 1967 on his 80th combat mission over North Vietnam.

Recognition Day theme, "Never Forgotten," Zmyslinski challenged the audience to "...renew our commit-

ment to all missing Americans and their families to support our government's efforts to determine the

fate of those still missing."

"To those who have served, as well as those who continue to serve, we offer this pledge: You are never forgotten," Zmyslinski said in conclusion.

Following Zmyslinski's remarks, DSCC Commander Navy Rear Adm. Charlie Lilli introduced the featured speaker, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Edward J. Mechenbier, a prisoner of war for nearly six years during the Vietnam War. His plane was shot down in 1967 on his 80th combat mission over North Vietnam.

"Today is a time of special remembrance. It is a time to remember the faces of the prisoners of war and those listed as missing in action," Mechenbier told the audience.

"While the United States cannot solve all the world's problems, Americans are asked and prepared to defend our nation's fundamental interests when they are threatened.

"We are prepared to go beyond our shores to help others achieve

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## DSCC kicks off 2005 Combined Federal Campaign

By Dan Bender  
DSCC Public Affairs Office

The Combined Federal Campaign began Oct. 1 at Defense Supply Center Columbus with leaders stressing the importance of supporting local agencies.

Bob Wallace, chief of the DSCC Executive Programs Office, urged campaign

captains and keyworkers at a Sept. 29 kickoff ceremony to "work together as a team" to meet this year's goal of \$290,400.

"There's a lot of hard work that goes into a successful campaign," he said, adding that DSCC associates have a history of being generous to the CFC.

DSCC's rate of participa-

tion and average donation amount are well above the national average, Wallace said.

"With the climate of generosity here and your help, we will have a successful campaign," he said.

Wallace added that there are some additional challenges for this year's campaign because many peo-

ple have already donated to hurricane relief efforts in the Gulf Coast region and because of economic concerns due in part to the high cost of fuel.

A list of 77 CFC agencies that are assisting in hurricane relief efforts can be found on the Heart of Ohio CFC home page at [www.dscc.dla.mil/news/events/cfc/](http://www.dscc.dla.mil/news/events/cfc/), Wallace noted.

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Guest speaker James Stevens of the United Way of Franklin County stressed the importance of supporting local agencies in addition to disaster assistance.

"People need our help not just when there's a disaster or a relief effort, but

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Columbus planning welcome home for Lima Company Marines

Central Ohio residents will have an opportunity to welcome home members of the Lima Company of the 325th Marine Corps Battalion this week. The Rickenbacker-based unit is returning after seven months of duty as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During their tour in Iraq, the 180-member unit lost 23 Marines, including nine killed on the same day when a roadside bomb blew up a vehicle.

Lima Company members arrived at Camp Lejeune, N.C., last week and are expected to arrive at Port Columbus International Airport either Oct. 6 or 7. They will be driven via a police-escorted convoy down Hamilton Road from the airport to the Naval and Marine Corps Operational Support Center at Rickenbacker.

Local and regional officials, along with Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and local businesses, are inviting veterans, schools and citizens to line Hamilton Road while holding American flags to welcome the Marines home.

"I encourage businesses, schools, churches and the families of central Ohio to join us by standing united, lined up along the convoy's route and raising their flags high out of respect for these soldiers and all those in Lima Company who lost their lives or were injured fighting for our nation in Iraq," Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman said.

The final confirmed dates, times and route for the convoy will be announced this week.

### FWP sponsoring satellite broadcasts

The Federal Women's Program is sponsoring two brown bag lunch video training sessions. The first one, Managing Your Career, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 12 and the second one, Teamwork, will be held from 11 a.m. to noon Oct. 27. Both sessions will be held in Building 20's Room, near the A642 North auditorium. A form 1556 is not required to attend, but supervisory permission is required.

The presenter of both sessions will be Dr. Laree Kiely, Ph.D., president of Kiely Inc. She has 25 years experience in consulting, facilitating and teaching organizational effectiveness. She has also taught in the MBA program at the University of Southern California. To register or for more information, call Jeanine Wills at 614-692-7176 or Shirley Mays at 614-692-4815.

### President sends BRAC report to Congress

President Bush concurred with and sent the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission's report to Congress Sept. 15 for legislative review, White House officials announced.

Congress now has 45 legislative days to accept or reject the report in its entirety. Congress cannot make changes to the final report.

The commission delivered its final report to

the president Sept. 8. The report lists the commission's recommendations for revamping the U.S. military's infrastructure and force structure.

The president chose to approve the commission's report. He could have rejected it or returned it to the commission for revisions.

The BRAC commission approved 86 percent of DoD's original recommendations - 119 with no change and another 45 with amendments. However, the commission rejected 13 recommendations, significantly modified another 13, and made five additional closure or realignment recommendations on its own initiative.

### Activated Guard members eligible for TRICARE

Members of the National Guard who are federally activated for more than 30 consecutive days in support of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts can receive military health care benefits to include their TRICARE-eligible family members.

National Guard members' personnel offices should update the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to reflect eligibility for TRICARE benefits if their personnel are activated under or converted to Title 32 orders. In cases of conversion from state active duty to federal active duty, the DEERS update could occur before orders are received. National Guard members who are not sure if they are activated under Title 32 orders should contact their unit's personnel office to clarify their status. Guard members serving on state orders are not eligible for TRICARE health benefits, although they may be eligible for certain health care benefits through their state.

After DEERS has been updated, family members will be automatically covered under TRICARE Standard and may enroll in TRICARE Prime or Prime Remote, if available in their area.

For more information about DEERS enrollment, beneficiaries may visit [www.tricare.osd.mil/deers](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers) or call the DEERS Support Office at 1-800-538-9552. Beneficiaries can also find the nearest ID card-issuing facility at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home).

### Online intruder gains access to Air Force personnel records

About 33,000 Air Force personnel, almost all of them officers, have been exposed to potential identity theft after a security breach involving an online personnel system.

Personnel records in the Air Force's Assignment Management System for about half of the service's officer corps were accessed by an unidentified person, the Air Force announced.

The breach occurred during May and June of this year. Maj. Gen. Tony Przybyslawski, commander of the Air Force Personnel Center encouraged those affected to file a fraud alert with the three chief credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. The alert, which lasts 90 days, flags the person's credit report and they are contacted if any new accounts are made in their name.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Navy League to hold luncheon meeting

The Navy League of the U.S. Greater Columbus Ohio Council will hold a luncheon meeting Oct. 17 at the Confluence Park Restaurant, 679 W. Spring St. Doors open at 11:15 a.m., with a buffet luncheon served at 11:45 a.m. The program will begin at 12:15 p.m. with guest speaker Navy Capt. Dennis Sinnett, commander of Patrol Reconnaissance Wing 11 in Jacksonville, Fla. Attire is informal and the cost is \$18 per person, which includes gratuity and sales tax. Reservations with prepayment are required and must be received by Oct. 12. For more information, call Bill Fennell at 614-451-1911.

## IT'S A DATE

### October 2005

Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
Disability Awareness Month  
Combined Federal Campaign  
**Oct. 7** - Installation Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Bldg. 114  
**Oct. 10** - Columbus Day observance  
**Oct. 11** - Domestic Violence Prevention Community Education Fair, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Bldg. 20 cafeteria

**Oct. 13** - Columbus Day  
**October 13** - U. S. Navy Birthday  
**October 15** - Hispanic Heritage Month ends  
**October 17-21** - National Red Ribbon Campaign  
**Oct. 21** - Installation Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Bldg. 114  
**Oct. 26** - U.S. Navy Birthday celebration, 11 a.m., Bldg. 20 auditorium  
**Oct. 30** - Daylight Savings Time ends

## OBITUARIES

### Helen L. Davis

Helen L. Davis, 92, died Sept. 19 at Whetstone Care Center. Ms. Davis was a former DCSC employee.

### John J. DiSalvo

John J. DiSalvo, 65, of Reynoldsburg, died Sept. 14. Mr. DiSalvo retired from Newark Air Force Base after 34 years of service.

### Alice B.

### Goldsberry

Alice B. Goldsberry, 75, of Glouster, formerly of Newark, died Sept. 11 at Doctor's Hospital in Nelsonville. Ms. Goldsberry was a retired Newark Air Force Base employee.

### Maxine M.

### Howard

Maxine M. Howard, 86, died Sept. 20 at Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Hospital. Ms. Howard was a retired DCSC computer analyst.

### Queenie

### Isabelle Ingram

Queenie Isabelle Ingram, 85, of Columbus, died Sept. 12. Ms. Ingram retired from DCSC with more than 30 years of federal service.

### Nellie M. Wolfe

Nellie M. Wolfe, 85, of Columbus, died Sept. 10 at Mt. Carmel East Hospital. Ms. Wolfe was a retired DCSC employee.



## VOICE MAIL

## DSCC associate thanks police officers for caring

**To the editor:**

For two and half years, I have brought my daughter, Ellie, with me to work so she could be cared for at the Childhood Development Center. Each day when she comes to work she looks forward to greeting the (police) officers at the gate. In the time she's been coming here, she has adopted two favorite officers, officer (Mark) Pennington and officer (Jeffrey) Brooks.

They greeted her with a smile every single time, call her "sweetheart" and told her "Good morning." For her, it was the beginning of a wonderful day.

During Ellie's last week of coming to the CDC before she began kindergarten, I asked officer Pennington if they would be on duty on Friday so she could tell them goodbye on her last day and he told me he would be off. I told him we'd find him on Thursday then. Later in the day, we received a call from officer Pennington and he told us he and officer Brooks would be at the Broad Street gate later that day and would like to see Ellie and give her a small token of thanks for "always making their day."

She got to talk to both of them and they presented her with something to remember them by. My child was elated and I don't think she could have smiled any bigger than she did at that moment. All this time we were happy



(Photos courtesy of Peggy Yruegas)

Ellie Yruegas stands with DSCC police officers Mark Pennington (above) and Jeffrey Brooks (right).

that they made her day and then to have them tell us she actually made theirs was a big surprise.

The time and effort these two officers took for one small child is an incredible act of kindness but also a reflection of their commitment to service and their belief in the DSCC way. I have worked here for 26 years but those two officers forever changed my view and attitude about coming onto this center.

They stand in the extreme heat and the extreme cold to protect each of us who arrive on this center and their jobs bear great responsibility but they also unknowingly contribute to how each of us begin our days. I know

that our family will never forget that they were willing to go above and beyond their job duties and how they positively affected my child's life.

I just wanted to let you know how wonderful these two officers were to our family and how much we appreciate the fact that they are there, rain or shine, to protect this center. They truly are reflections of a changing culture and representative of how each of us should do our jobs.

They are assets to our organization and hopefully are recognized for their contributions.

**Peggy L. Yruegas**  
**DSCC Operations**  
**Support Group**



## THANK YOU

The family of Kevin D. Williams would like to thank the DSCC Civilian Welfare and Post Restaurant Council for the beautiful planter with cut flowers. They created a pleasant atmosphere, which continues to console us daily.

*Joyce Williams, DSCC*

My family and I would like to thank the Civilian Welfare and Post Restaurant Council, friends and co-workers for the contributions to the Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky, Ohio, and the kind expressions of sympathy following the death of our father, Ralph E. Laney. Our father was a retired U.S. Navy Chief (Seabee) and was a resident at the Veteran's Home for seven years. Your contributions and kind thoughts are greatly appreciated.

*Jackie Collins, DSCC*

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# Former judge to speak on domestic violence

By Tony D'Elia  
DSCC Public Affairs Office

Having served a distinguished career as a judge in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Yvette McGee Brown is now president of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Children's Hospital.

The center founded by Abigail Wexner brings numerous services together in one building. These include medical staff, police, prosecutors, Children Services caseworkers and domestic violence advocates to provide prevention, training, education, research and advocacy along with treatment.

McGee Brown will speak at Defense Supply Center Columbus Oct. 11 at the Domestic Violence Prevention Community Education Fair. The fair, sponsored by the Federal Women's and Family Advocacy programs, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Building 20 cafeteria.

Formerly a judge in the Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court (1993-2002), McGee Brown was the first African-American and the second woman to be elected to this



(DSCC photo by Chuck Moffett)

Yvette McGee Brown, president of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Children's Hospital and a former Juvenile Court judge in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, will speak Oct. 11 at DSCC at the Domestic Violence Prevention Community Education Fair. She is shown speaking at the 2002 Women's History Month luncheon at DSCC.

court. As the lead juvenile judge, she spearheaded the SMART program, a truancy and educational neglect prevention program now operating in more than 40 elementary schools. She also initiated the creation of a Family Drug Court.

McGee Brown serves on various philanthropic boards such as the United Way of Central Ohio as chair of the board, the Limited/Intimate Brands Foundation, the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence, The Dave Thomas

Foundation for Adoption, the YWCA, I KNOW I CAN board of trustees, the Ohio Principals Leadership Academy Governing Board, and The Ohio State University College of Law's National Alumni Council.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, McGee Brown is a graduate of Mifflin High School and the Ohio State University, where in 1982 she received her undergraduate degree in journalism/public relations. She earned her juris doctorate from the OSU

Michael E. Moritz College of Law in 1985.

Here is a list of other FAP events for October:

**Oct. 5** – Family Advocacy representative available in Building 21, Room B521, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 614-692-7217 for more information.

**Oct. 6** – Life Transition Discussion Group will feature Al Burzynski of the VA Clinic, who will discuss Veterans Affairs services available for elderly parents, in DFAS, Building 21, Room B619, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call 614-692-7217 for more information.

**Oct. 11** – A Domestic Violence Prevention Community Education Fair will have representatives from various organizations in Franklin County in the Building 20 cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. discussing how to prevent violence.

**Oct. 11** – Former Judge Yvette McGee Brown, currently president of the Center for Child and

Family Advocacy at Children's Hospital, will speak from 1:30 to 2 p.m. in the Building 20 cafeteria.

**Oct. 12** – Solutions to Healthy Commitments, discussion will follow a video featuring Scott Stanley, author of The Power of Commitment, in Building 20, Room A161N, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Oct. 18** – A video entitled "Why are you so angry" will be shown, followed by a discussion on dealing with anger and conflict. Associates attending will receive a self-care workbook, Building 20, Room A161N, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Oct. 20** – Relationship Discussion Group for single, divorced, widowed associates, Building 20, Room B101N, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Oct. 25** – Teen Parenting discussion centers on prevention of dating violence, Building 20, Room A161N, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## National Disability Employment Awareness Month

### Air Force pilot, amputee to speak at DSCC

Submitted by Paul Gambrell  
DSCC Equal  
Employment Office

An Air Force pilot who suffered a leg ailment that led to amputation will be the guest speaker Oct. 20 at the Disability Employment Awareness Month program at Defense Supply Center Columbus.

Lt. Col. Andrew Lourake, director of the 89th Airlift Wing Commander's Action Group at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., is a senior pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours despite an above-the-knee amputation in June 2002. Lourake was recently medically reinstated to his duty position as a Presidential Support Pilot following the amputation of his left leg.

Complications from knee surgery to repair a broken leg led to an infection that

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U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Andrew Lourake, director of the 89th Airlift Wing Commander's Action Group at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., is a senior pilot despite an above-the-knee amputation. Lourake will be the speaker at a Disability Employment Awareness Month program scheduled for Oct. 20 at DSCC.

# DSCC directors encouraged to get involved in CFC

By Debra Perry  
DSCC Public Affairs Officer

The Command Conference Room was rearranged to resemble a café as Defense Supply Center Columbus directors enjoyed a continental breakfast and learned how they can help DSCC have a successful Combined Federal Campaign.

“I encourage each of you, as leaders, to get involved and facilitate the opportunity to give through the CFC,” DSCC Commander Navy Rear Adm. Charlie Lilli said. “You can make a difference and send a positive message about the CFC in your areas.”

Bob Wallace, chief of the DSCC Executive Programs Office, briefed the group on the process, facts and opportunities associated with the CFC.

“Each of the 239 local charities is reviewed by the Local Federal Coordinating Committee following a set of

guidelines mandated by the Office of Personnel Management,” he said.

Associates who give to the CFC have the opportunity to give to local affiliated and local unaffiliated charities, or local, national and international federations. A federation is a group of charities that band together for administrative purposes.

According to Wallace, “The federations that are accepted into the campaign must pass a series of requirements, such as proving they spend less than 25 percent of their money on administrative expenses and that no expenses are connected with lobbying or attempts to influence voting.”

A focus group conducted by OPM identified several barriers to why people don’t give to CFC. Among the reasons the group found are that people are not sure donations are well spent, people do not know the CFC mission or are uncertain of the CFC’s value, or

people prefer to contribute directly to charities.

Lilli reminded DSCC leaders that they can help associates overcome those barriers by getting involved, meeting with campaign

workers and discussing CFC at their staff meetings.

“Our DSCC associates have a reputation for giving above and beyond,” Lilli said. “I think this year, in light of the disaster relief

that is needed in our country, there will be a lot of competition for our donations. Here’s a terrific opportunity to safely give where your money is needed the most.”



(DSCC photo by Chuck Moffett)  
*DSCC Commander Navy Rear Adm. Charlie Lilli (right) discusses the Combined Federal Campaign with DSCC Small Business Office Director Eleanor Holland and Land Customer Operations Director Army Col. Stephen Bianco during a Sept. 22 directors’ breakfast.*

## CFC fundraisers list

The following is a list showing the dates of CFC fundraisers at DSCC. The list of fundraisers is subject to change. The DSCC campaign runs Oct. 3-31. Events will take place in the north lobby of the auditorium break room unless otherwise noted.

CFC FUNDRAISERS		
Date	Event	Office
Oct. 5	Bake Sale	DSCC-FL
Oct. 5	CFC Agency Fair	
Oct. 6	Bake Sale	DSCC-B
Oct. 11	Doughnut	DSCC-QL
Oct. 11	Hot Dog and Chips	DSCC-D/O
Oct. 12	Bake Sale	DSCC-R
Oct. 12	Sloppy Joes	DSCC-FL
Oct. 13	Silent Auction	DLA-J6C
Oct. 14	Nachos	DSCC-QM
Oct. 18	Silent Auction	DSCC-B
Oct. 18	Chili Cook-off	DSCC-B
Oct. 19	Bake Sale	DSCC-FM
Oct. 19	Tacos	DSCC-R
Oct. 20	Bake Sale	DLA-J6C
Oct. 20	Sloppy Joe	DSCC-QL
Oct. 21	Sloppy Joe Sale	DSCC-FM
Oct. 25	Silent Basket Auction	DSCC-P
Oct. 27	Silent Basket Auction	DES-C



# New DSCC commander greets workforce during town halls

## *Lilli defines personality, standards, operational emphasis*

By John Foreman  
DSCC Public Affairs Office

Defense Supply Center Columbus Commander Navy Rear Adm. Charlie Lilli introduced himself to the DSCC workforce during three town hall meetings Sept. 22 in the Building 20 auditorium.

The admiral set the tone for the meetings by entering each meeting wearing a Pittsburgh Steelers hard hat, and telling everyone about his Pennsylvania roots and that he is a strong Steelers fan.

Displaying a slide that said, "Who I am and What I am Thinking," the admiral told the audience about the important things that are driving factors in his life. He talked about his decision to join the Navy and how important that decision has been to him and how he loves the Navy.

"The other services are great, I'm just very partial to the Navy," said Lilli.

Using a display of photos, he introduced his family, told about his love of tennis and golf, and his faith. "I don't want to be preachy

about it, but I hold myself to a pretty high standard. If I don't live up to those standards, I want you to call me on it," Lilli said.

Lilli then told of his supply background. "I'm very familiar with ICP (Inventory Control Point) operations. My last two jobs as chief of staff, at the Naval Supply Systems Command and as executive assistant to deputy, Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Requirements and Assessment in the Pentagon, made me very aware of ICP requirements and operations."

At this point, Lilli added a new wrinkle to the town hall meetings. In between slides, he asked the audience historical questions about the installation. Those getting the correct answer received a candy bar.

The admiral then stated his expectations and what he needs from the workforce. "I need your best ideas, your best efforts and I want your honest feedback," he said.

"What I think you need from me is to represent DSCC's interests, to provide you a clear direction with a freedom to do your job that includes command support when you need it. I'll also provide you with honest feedback," Lilli said.

The admiral said before he arrived at DSCC, everybody told him about the strengths of the DSCC workforce.

"They were right and you are living up to your reputation. You are a workforce committed to the warfighter with a sincere sense of urgency. The leadership and the workforce at DSCC are extremely talented and

dedicated to the customer," Lilli said.

He then asked for a continued emphasis on the basic tenets of performance, transformation and culture (PTC) as the primary operational construct for DSCC and asked for continued special emphasis on Business Systems Modernization and backorder reduction to support the warfighter.

The admiral closed by promising to communicate his special emphasis areas within PTC by his next session of town halls. Until then, his 'standing orders' are to keep developing performance, transformation and culture, and to work smart and continue to look for ways to make the associate's job better.

A question and answer period concluded each town hall meeting.



(DSCC photo by Charles Moffett)

Defense Supply Center Columbus Commander Navy Rear Adm. Charlie Lilli introduced himself to the Defense Supply Center Columbus workforce wearing a Pittsburgh Steelers hard hat during three town hall meetings Sept. 22 in the Building 20 auditorium.



(DSCC photo by Charles Moffett)

Defense Supply Center Columbus Commander Navy Rear Adm. Charlie Lilli points to an associate for an answer to a historical question about DSCC during a Sept. 22 town hall session.

## Awareness

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Lourake battled for more than three years, and ultimately ended with the amputation.

He was recently evaluated at Brooks Air Force Base, Aeromedical Evaluation Center for a Return to Flying Status waiver. The evaluation team gave Lourake a positive recommendation, which was forwarded to the Air Force surgeon general, who, in turn, approved his return to flight status, with final approval being given by the Air Force chief of staff.

Lourake was raised on

St. Pete Beach, graduating from Boca Ciega High School and the University of South Florida. He was commissioned in the Air Force in 1987 through the Air Force ROTC program. His first assignment was to Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas, for Air Force pilot training.

Lourake, who has flown the T-37, T-38, C-5A/B and VC9C aircraft, logged the majority of his 4,000 hours in operations Just Cause, Desert Shield/Storm, Provide Hope and Provide Comfort.

Lourake has been married to his "best friend," Lisa, for 17 years, and they have two dogs that they treat like children.

The Chillicothe VA Medical Center will commemorate National Disability Employment Awareness Month with a program at 9 a.m. Oct. 13 in the Building 9 Recreation Hall. Georgia Roll, chairperson of the Accessibility For All Subcommittee, will present some selected readings and representatives of local agencies will participate in an information fair.

Additionally, the Pioneer School choir will perform.

Congress designated each October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month to increase the public's awareness of the contributions and skills of American workers with disabilities. This effort to educate the American public about issues related to disability and employment actually began in 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically

Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month."

This year's theme of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is "Worker's with Disabilities: Ready for Tomorrow's Jobs Today."



# DSCC celebrates Air Force's 58th birthday in high-flying style

By Dan Bender  
DSCC Public Affairs Office

The celebration of the U.S. Air Force's 58th birthday at Defense Supply Center Columbus included the enlistment of three new recruits into the Air Force.

Cierra Dixon of Columbus, Brian Lister of Baltimore and Steven Watson of Westerville recited the oath of enlistment after Air Force Col. William Goad, DSCC chief of staff and the senior airman on station.

In his remarks prior to the enlistment ceremony, guest speaker Air Force Lt. Col. James M. Pfaff noted that the three will "be stepping into that Air Force heritage. They'll be part of it."

DSCC's observance of the Air Force birthday was held Sept. 21 in the Building 20 auditorium.

Pfaff, commander of the Ohio Air National Guard's 121st Maintenance Group at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, talked about the Air Force's capabilities today and the prominent role Ohio has played in the history of the Air Force.

America's superiority in the air has numerous benefits to the country's fighting forces, he said, noting that Air Force personnel "flew 150 sorties over Iraq today" to aid in the battle against terrorists.

The transport of military supplies between Kuwait and Baghdad is safer by air than transporting those same supplies by ground,

he said.

"It saves lives," Pfaff said. "You put it up in the air and the bad guys can't touch it."

In our own country, Air Force personnel have played an important role in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort by helping to airlift thousands of people to safety in flooded New Orleans, Pfaff said.

In discussing Ohio's role in Air Force history, Pfaff mentioned Columbus resident and World War I flying ace Eddie Rickenbacker, who shot down 26 German fighters and won the Congressional Medal of Honor, combat commander Curtis LeMay, who helped bring the B-52 bomber and KC-135 cargo transport into being, and the Columbus chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, who became known as the "Red Tail Angels" for their heroics in escorting bombers on their missions and not losing a single one.

"They gave us a heritage," Pfaff said. "They made us realize the future is not something to be afraid of. It's a goal."

Pfaff also thanked DSCC associates for their support of the warfighter.

"Americans go into the field every day knowing they will have the supplies they need to do their job and it's because of what you do here," he said.

The birthday celebration also included the traditional cake cutting with Goad and Dixon doing the honors.



(DSCC photo by Chuck Moffett)

Three new Air Force recruits recite the oath of enlistment after DSCC Chief of Staff Air Force Col. William Goad during the Sept. 21 Air Force birthday celebration at DSCC. From left to right are Brian Lister of Baltimore, Ohio, Steven Watson of Westerville, Ohio, and Cierra Dixon of Columbus.



(DSCC photo by Chuck Moffett)

New Air Force enlistee Cierra Dixon (left) and DSCC Chief of Staff Air Force Col. William Goad cut the cake during the Air Force birthday celebration at DSCC.



(DSCC photo by Chuck Moffett)

Air Force Lt. Col. James M. Pfaff, commander of the Ohio Air National Guard's 121st Maintenance Group at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, was the guest speaker for the Air Force birthday celebration at DSCC.

## DSCC commander meets detachment associates in Philadelphia

By Bill Ernst  
DSCP Corporate  
Communications

Defense Supply Center Columbus Commander Navy Rear Adm. Charlie Lilli told Land and Maritime supply chain team members at a Sept. 19 town hall meeting in Philadelphia, "I need your best ideas, your best efforts and honest feedback."

The visit was Lilli's first meeting with Land and

Maritime employees located at Defense Supply Center Philadelphia since taking command of DSCC in mid-August.

"I've heard nothing but great comments about your support to our warfighters," Lilli told the Land and Maritime associates in Philadelphia. "You're customer-focused, and you have a sincere sense of urgency for our warfighters."

Lilli explained to the team that everyone has

to look for the most efficient way to do business and stay within budget. He said that our country is faced with high costs for both the war effort and support to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

"Work as smart as you can, and look for ways to make your job better," he said. "Ask for help if you need help."

Lilli emphasized that many changes are taking place within the Defense

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# POW/MIA Recognition Day observed at Chillicothe VA Medical Center

By Robert Barnhart  
Chillicothe VA Medical  
Center Public Affairs Officer

More than 20 American prisoners of war from World War II were honored during a National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day ceremony held Sept. 16 at the Chillicothe Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Gifford Doxsee, national historian for the American Ex-Prisoners of War, served as keynote speaker for the event, which is held annually on the third Friday in September to honor former prisoners of war and remember those who are still listed as missing in action.

As part of the ceremony, VA Medical Center director Douglas A. Moorman, along with Doxsee, personally thanked and presented each former POW in attendance a lapel pin.

"Our POWs are among the most revered heroes in the nation," Moorman said.

Dr. Doxsee, professor emeritus of history at Ohio University, served with the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge, and was a POW in Dresden, Germany, where he experienced the 1945 fire bombing along with author Kurt Vonnegut, whose book *Slaughterhouse Five* (1969) drew on his Dresden experience. Doxsee spoke not only of his own experiences but also of the current troops in Operation Iraqi Freedom and of the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Doxsee said there were parallels between the experience of the POWs and the hurricane victims in the strength required to endure each situation.

Staff Sgt. Justin Bolyard, on leave from Iraq, marched with his father, Harry, in the American Legion Post 62 Color Guard during the posting of colors.

"It's great to see they're getting recognized," he said of the former POWs present.

The Westland High School Junior ROTC Drill Team performed the POW/MIA table setting

ceremony. William "Gene" Shay, himself a former POW, played Taps. Chaplain Arthur Reed performed the invocation and benediction.

Anthony Austin, representing Chillicothe Mayor Joe Sulzer, read a proclamation honoring POW/MIAs. Also represented at the event were U.S.

Representatives Dave Hobson, Bob Ney and Ted Strickland.

The list of honorees, along with their service and the dates they were a POW, included:

- Gifford Doxsee, Army, Dec. 19, 1944-May 12, 1945;
- Norman Armbrust, Army Air Corps, July 26,

1943-May 9, 1945;

- Herman Blumenschein, Army, Sept. 30, 1944-April 30, 1945;

- Roger Campbell, Army, Jan. 30, 1944-May 19, 1945;

- Robert Carpenter, Army, Feb. 22, 1943-April 12, 1945;

- Howard Crull, Army Air Corps, April 10, 1944-May

3, 1945;

- Albert E. DeLong, Army, July 1944-Jan. 31, 1945;

- Gerald Dickerson, Army Air Corps, Feb. 14-April 29, 1945;

- Merle Garrett, Army Air Corps, Sept. 6, 1943-May 1, 1945;

- Paul Glasgow, Army,

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## POW medal has special meaning for DSCC associate

By Dan Bell  
DSCC Public Affairs Office

For Laura Washington, POW-MIA Day has special significance because it recognizes the special service and sacrifice that her father gave to the United States.

Washington, a Defense Supply Center Columbus supply technician in the DSCC Operations Support Group, was presented with her father's POW medal in 1988 by Marine Brig. Gen. R.A. Tiebout, then commander of the Defense Electronic Supply Center in Dayton.

"POW-MIA Recognition Day means a lot to me," Washington said. "When I heard that I was going to receive my deceased

father's medal, I felt honored. However, I was overwhelmed when a formal ceremony was held in his honor in Dayton for the award presentation. I did not expect to receive a special ceremony."

Washington has time to reflect and honor her father's service each year on POW-MIA Recognition Day. Her father, Robert L. Fremder, was a prisoner of war for more than 15 months during World War II.

"My father did not talk much about his experiences as a prisoner of war," Washington added. "He was proud of his opportunity to serve our country throughout his entire life, up to the time of his death in 1968. I feel

honored to have his medal as a symbol of remembering his service and sacrifice for our great nation."



(Photo courtesy of Laura Washington) Robert Lee Fremder, father of DSCC associate Laura Washington, was a prisoner of war for 15 months in Germany during World War II. Fremder died June 5, 1968 at age 44.



(DSCC photo)

The Prisoner of War Medal was authorized by Congress for any person who served honorably as a prisoner of war after April 15, 1917. The front of the medal is an eagle, symbol of the United States and the American spirit. Although it is surrounded by barbed wire and bayonet points, it symbolizes the hope that upholds the spirit of the prisoner of war.



(Photo courtesy of Laura Washington)

Marine Brig. Gen. R.A. Tiebout (right), then commander of the Defense Electronic Supply Center in Dayton, presents Laura Washington with the Prisoner of War Medal Oct. 7, 1988, recognizing her father's service during World War II. Washington's brother Arthur Fremder and sister Joanie Phillips attended the ceremony.



# POW/MIAs

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those personal liberties we cherish, yet too often assume so casually," Mechenbier said.

He recalled the numbers of those listed as missing in action and killed in action in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, while reminding those in attendance that there are more than 200,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guard personnel deployed around the world.

"I don't want you to walk away from here today focusing on numbers. I would rather you remember those numbers are fathers, husbands, brothers and sons," Mechenbier added.

He concluded by saying, "We were the lucky ones, the men who survived the (prisoner of war) experience and have the obligation to remember those who didn't.

"As we look at the POW/MIA flag, your presence says it all to those less fortunate, and their families:

You are not forgotten."

Mechenbier resides in Beavercreek, Ohio, and is vice president for development with Science Applications International Corp.

Additional participants in the ceremony included the 121st Air Refueling Wing, Ohio Air National Guard color guard, the 643rd Area Support Group, U.S. Army Reserve honor guard and the Columbus Fire and Police Pipes and Drum Corps.

Cadets from the Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Squadron of the Arnold Air Society, Air Force ROTC from The Ohio State University, performed the POW/MIA Table of Remembrance Ceremony and detective Randy Snider of the Whitehall Division of Police sang "God Bless America."

Members of the Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, Whitehall, Ohio, seated guests.



(DSCC photo by Dave Benzing)

A cadet from the Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Squadron of the Arnold Air Society Detachment 645, Air Force ROTC from The Ohio State University renders a hand salute for the Table of Remembrance during the POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony.



(DSCC photo by Dave Benzing)

Members from the Columbus Fire and Police Pipes and Drum Corps perform during the annual POW/MIA Recognition Day. POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies are held the third Friday in September throughout the nation and around the world to honor all Americans who are former prisoners of war, as well as service members and civilians still unaccounted for and their families.



(DSCC photo by Dave Benzing)

A 21-gun salute is performed by soldiers of the 643rd Area Support Group, U.S. Army Reserve as a tribute to remember that all American prisoners of war and those missing in action "are not forgotten."



(DSCC photo by Dave Benzing)

Richard Neff of the Columbus Chapter of American Ex-Prisoners of War listens to featured speaker retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Edward Mechenbier during the 2005 POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony held Sept. 16 on the DSCC installation. All ex-prisoners of war and family members were recognized at the ceremony.



# Mentoring strategy accelerates leadership development

By Jim Bolton  
DFAS Corporate  
Communications

Mentoring was the topic of discussion during an Association of Government Accountants luncheon held Sept. 8 at the Defense Finance and Accounting Services Conference Center.

Jackie Woltz, DFAS Mentoring Advisory Group co-chair, and Dennis Canterbury, Deputy Chief of Staff, Readiness and Business Operations, Defense Supply Center Columbus, served as the event's guest speakers.

"Our local efforts are part of a larger DFAS program," Woltz said. "We are trying to develop the leadership and personal skills of our participants."

The DFAS Mentoring Program is a yearlong cycle in which mentors are asked to meet regularly with their mentees. Any employee in DFAS is eligible to become a mentor or a mentee.

"The DFAS Mentoring Program creates a culture for sharing," Woltz said. "Individual growth leads to organizational growth."

People looking for men-



(DFAS photo by Jim Bolton)

*DFAS Mentoring Advisory Group co-chair Jackie Woltz discusses DFAS Columbus' Mentoring Program objectives during a Sept. 8 Association of Government Accountants luncheon at the DFAS Conference Center.*

tors range from those who have just joined the organization to seasoned employees. They are seeking help in developing their professional, management and leadership skills.

Some employees in the program begin as mentees and are encouraged to serve

as a mentor once their year-long commitment concludes. These employees then have the opportunity to share their knowledge with others while gaining additional knowledge for themselves.

The amount of time mentors spend with their

mentees varies according to the needs, expectations and desires of those involved in the mentoring program.

Woltz explained that a matching committee pairs mentors and mentees by marrying their individual personalities, knowledge and skills.



(DFAS photo by Jim Bolton)

*Dennis Canterbury, DSCC Deputy Chief of Staff, Readiness and Business Operations, discusses his organization's mentoring program during an Association of Government Accountants luncheon at the DFAS Conference Center.*

"In the program, each pair is given up to four hours per month to meet together," Woltz said.

While together, a mentor and mentee can participate in a number of activities, to include identifying their short- and long-term goals.

The DFAS program has held workshops and maintains a resource library, according to Woltz.

"We can all be mentors; it's valuable for us to participate," said Dennis Canterbury, a champion for the DSCC mentoring program.

Canterbury explained that DSCC is pressing to instill a sense of individual leadership within its ranks. There are three levels in DSCC's developmental plan.

"Each mentor and mentee work together to develop a mentoring action plan once enrolled in its program," Canterbury said.

DSCC also has various job and mentor-shadowing projects to track its mentees' progression in the program.

"If you have the opportunity to get into mentoring, I encourage you to participate," Canterbury said.

## DFAS Columbus provides mentoring for new hires, students

By Jen Richie  
Accounting Services

This summer, associates in the Defense Finance and Accounting Service saw new faces around the offices as interns and entry level professional accountants were integrated into the workforce. These team members faced unique challenges as they adjusted to the many systems and procedures of governmental accounting.

Because newcomers can feel intimidated by the complex environment along with acquiring the necessary knowledge and skills that will allow them to excel in their area, DFAS has established a mentoring program to help with the transition. This is a branch of the official mentoring program offered to all DFAS employees who seek to improve their skills and leadership abilities, expand their knowledge of other divisions within the organi-

zation, and develop their career.

Tim Strom and Carol Burger assigned a mentor to all new hires into the ELPA or student intern programs. Fifteen accounting interns and eight commercial pay interns participated in the summer program and were paired with ELPAs as their mentors.

The relationship provided an informal medium to address questions, concerns and to discuss what it is like to work for DFAS.

"Not only do I want to be able to help with any questions about work, but I would like to be able to support his personal development and goals," ELPA Lori Brokaw said.

The program promoted interaction between sum-



(DFAS photo by Jen Richie)

*Entry Level Professional Accountant Joe Swartz and summer intern Beth Bing participate in an activity at the final joint-mentoring session of the summer. As Bing's mentor, Swartz got her involved in activities with other ELPAs and interns.*

mer interns and ELPAs throughout various activities. Each pair was granted four hours per month to use, at their discretion, for mentoring purposes.

Interns found the mentoring program to be extremely beneficial to their career needs. Mentors assisted the interns in resolving issues or referring them to someone who was better equipped to help.

Accounting summer intern Beth Bing said, "My mentor eases any worry and confusion about the operations and my duties here at DFAS."

One of the key characteristics of a good mentoring relationship is confidentiality. It is a trusting and professional relationship and aside from an

emergency situation, neither partner should break that bond. This allows a comfort zone for the intern and mentor in providing a better and productive learning experience.

Mentors do not work in the same area as their mentee, allowing a more rounded opportunity for the interns to learn about other departments. There are also joint-mentoring sessions

where the group spends time getting to know one another through a variety of games and fun activities led by ELPAs Justin Ahmann and Lori Brokaw. This time also allows the mentors to encourage their mentees to network with other employees in the workplace and build professional relationships.

The responsibility of a mentor is primarily to invest in a new employee and see that they begin or continue a successful career. Whether it is guidance throughout DFAS or advice with personal career decisions, a mentor takes the time to ensure that the mentee's best interest is always put first. Through this program, DFAS has become an environment that fosters personal and professional growth, increases job satisfaction for both mentors and mentees, and shapes future leaders.



# Local Navy Reservists excel during two-week technology exercise

By JO1 Scot Long  
Naval and Marine Corps Operational Support Center

Several members of Fleet Support Training at the Columbus Naval and Marine Corps Operational Support Center recently participated in the 2005 Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration held at Dalgren, Va.

CWID is an annual two-week event that brings together branches of the U.S. military under U.S. Joint Forces Command, coalition partners and Homeland Security in tackling several real-world problems such as a terrorist attack or a natural disaster, often at the same time.

One of the main goals of CWID '05 was to assess technology for its communication sharing abilities among multiple agencies and nations from Denmark to Australia.

Information Systems Technician Second Class Eric Harp was among five FST Columbus Reservists supporting the exercise mission.

"The different exercises demonstrated the latest that technology has to offer, not only in various communication systems, but to different 'life-safety support systems' used by U.S. civilian first responders," Harp said.

As a full-time civilian police

officer, Harp is often a first responder to an emergency.

"This was an incredible opportunity and learning experience for a Reservist. But it also helped me a great deal being a first responder in my civilian career as a Columbus police officer," Harp said.

Other FST members taking part in the Dalgren exercise included Cmdr. Cindy Tobin-Payne, Information Systems Technician Second Class James Allen, Electrician's Mate Second Class Donna Sullivan and Information Systems Technician Third Class Ricky Payne.

Tobin-Payne, commanding officer of FST Columbus, made arrangements for the Reservists to participate in CWID '05, in part because it is an event that has a direct impact on how sailors communicate and fight.

"Our sailors did something very different than usual, to experience working in a joint environment and with coalition forces — and their input as trial operators will help determine how DoD spends technology funds," she said.

The commander and other key players were impressed with the work ethic of FST Columbus sailors, each of whom earned a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for their efforts.



DALGREN, Va. - Columbus FST sailors earned a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal recently for their part in the 2005 Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration. Wearing whites for the award ceremony are (from left) Electrician's Mate Second Class Donna Sullivan, Information Systems Technician Second Class James Allen, Information Systems Technician Second Class Eric Harp and Information Systems Technician Third Class Ricky Payne.

"They did a phenomenal job, briefing flag officers and civilian VIPs and fulfilling roles typically fulfilled by senior officers," Tobin-Payne said.

Harp was assigned to a communications terminal and quickly learned the system he was assigned to demonstrate in the actual exercises.

He answered questions about functional ability of his communications terminal and maintained access to several of the other interoperability demonstrations.

"It was the kind of annual training that allowed this old radioman a look into the future," Harp said.

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Logistics Agency, and "we can't afford to let questions go unanswered and work to lag."

He concluded with an overview of priorities including readiness, culture, BSM and back-orders.

Following the town hall session, Land and Maritime detachment site manager Roger Dixon provided an overview briefing of Land and Maritime business activities at Philadelphia to Lilli, DSCC Deputy Commander James McClaugherty, DSCC Land Supplier Operations Director Army Col. Stephen Bianco and DSCC Maritime Supplier Operations Director Navy Capt. Griffin Warren.

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March 13-29, 1945;

- Ralph Hite, Army, Jan. 24-March 29, 1945;
- George Klare, Army Air Corps, Dec. 31, 1944-May 1, 1945;
- William Mitchell, Army,

Sept. 19, 1944-May 3, 1945;

- Charles Mundy, Army, Feb. 14, 1943-April 3, 1945;
- Zephaniah "Creed" Musser, Army, December 1944-May 9, 1945;
- Richard Neff, Army Air Corps, April 1-May 26, 1945;
- William Schmidt, Army, Jan. 1-May 9, 1945;
- William "Gene" Shay, Army Air Corps, July 21, 1944-May 8, 1945;
- Grover Swearingen, Army Air Corps, Sept. 9, 1944-May 3, 1945;
- Harry Topolosky, Army, Feb. 18, 1944-May 21, 1945;
- Raymond Velej, Army, Sept. 24, 1944-May 4, 1945;
- Adam E. Wood, Army Air Corps, Feb. 22, 1945-April 16, 1945



(Photo courtesy of Gifford Doxsee)  
In this photo from 1944, Gifford Doxsee is shown with his dog Buddy. Doxsee was captured by German forces Dec. 19, 1944, and spent nearly five months as a prisoner of war.



(VA photo)  
Gifford Doxsee, a World War II prisoner of war and professor emeritus of history at Ohio University, was the keynote speaker at a Sept. 16 POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center.



## First Associates Choice Awards presented



(DSCC photo by Chuck Moffett)

Ten associates were honored in the initial presentation of the new Associates' Choice Award. The program is designed to give associates a greater sense of involvement in the award process by giving them the opportunity to recognize coworkers' performance without a supervisor's review. In announcing the winners, the DSCC commander stated the 10 associates "have been nominated and chosen by their peers for their exemplary work ethic and conformity to the principles of the DSCC Way." Five of the 10 honorees for July, the inaugural winners of the award, are (front row from left) Sharon Haughn and Alice Knox; and (back row) Patricia Evans, Richard Stevens and Robert Shea. The other five winners were Sarah Copeland, Ward Moats, Joseph Payne, Brett Rippl and Gail Schadle.

## Associates Choice Award winners for August recognized



(DSCC photo by Chuck Moffett)

The winners of the Associates Choice Awards for August at DSCC were recognized Sept. 9 at the command staff meeting. They are (front row from left) Edwina Merrick and Pamela Citrigno, and (back row from left) DSCC Aviation Detachment deputy director and Culture Council champion Pat Shields, award winners Lawanna Johnson, Sharon Harper, Liz Woodruff, Dennis Wondal, Tom Travis and David Palkowski, and DSCC Commander Navy Rear Adm. Charlie Lilli. Award winners not pictured were Cheryl Offenburger and Edmond Mullins. The Associates Choice Award program is a peer recognition program created by the DSCC Culture Council as a way for associates to recognize coworkers for going "above and beyond" the tenets of the DSCC Way.

# Kerby named DSCC employee of the month

By Dan Bell  
DSCC Public Affairs Office

Being a team player who is always willing to take on new and challenging tasks in order for the team to meet its goals and objectives is one reason Joseph Kerby was named employee of the month at the Defense Supply Center Columbus.

Kerby is an electronics technician on the active devices team of the DSCC Operations Support Group. During the award period, he was a project officer for DSCC's Complimentary Metal Oxide SemiConductors group.

His accomplishments during the month were outstanding not only for CMOS microcircuits but also for his interaction with customers in the military departments and industry in meeting assigned goals and objectives for acquisition documentation.

According to his award nomination, Kerby revised four CMOS Standard Microcircuit Drawings and also completed five military specification sheets.

Kerby's documentation efforts were used in the procurement of spare parts for the F-16, F-14, KC-130 and numerous other military aircraft systems. His efforts ensured



Joseph Kerby

that the SMDs were completed in a technical and mistake-free manner.

Sam Merritt, deputy director, Operations Support Group, praised Kerby in his award nomination, stating "Mr. Kerby is always willing to take on new and challenging tasks in order for the team to meet its goals and objectives. He is very proactive in identifying problems and challenges and developing solutions."

Kerby has been with the federal government for more than 21 years. He enlisted in the Navy in 1969 and served as a sonar technician. In 1986, he worked in the Defense Electronics Supply Center performing document standardization. Kerby has two sons, Anthony and Zachary, and lives in Lancaster. His hobbies include building and remodeling houses.

# DFAS Toastmasters club emphasizes leadership skills

By David Cockerill and Suzi Stuber  
Accounting Services

The mission of Toastmasters International echoes through Conference Room B518 in Building 21 at the beginning of every Defense Finance and Accounting Service chapter meeting: "To provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal

growth."

Toastmasters not only teaches members to speak effectively, it helps them listen effectively as well. Leadership skills are enhanced through the developmental speech program Toastmasters has in place. Members are given a 10-step speech program to help improve their speaking skills. Each speech helps them develop a different aspect of successful speaking.

For example, one speech gives Toastmasters practice using hand gestures, while another speech

makes them use different voice tones. All speeches have a time limit by which the speaker must abide. Most important of all, constructive criticism follows each speech. It is of utmost importance to get useful feedback on what the speaker did well and what could be improved. Following a strict time schedule, Toastmasters meetings are planned down to the minute. A grammarian is appointed along with a timer. Both of these functions aid in enhancing each speaker's skills.

The meeting environment is very casual. While guests are invited to speak, they are not forced into the spotlight. After every speech, the room fills with supportive applause. A more positive atmosphere would be hard to find.

To keep the members sharp and thinking on their toes, Toastmasters developed a game called "Table Topics." A member chooses the subject, usually something silly such as, "Which animal should get the last spot on Noah's Ark?"

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# CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

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13 Flamenco cheer  
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11 "Pretty Woman" star  
16 Elliptical  
20 "That tastes awful!"  
23 Space-walk acronym  
24 Shriner's chapeau  
25 Hurry  
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## CRYPTOQUIP

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**Last issue's Cryptoquip:** COUNT DRACULA CALLED IN SICK TO WORK LAST WEEK BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN A-COFFIN.

**This issue's Cryptoquip clue:** I equals E

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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# Yinger's team wins FEA golf tourney for second year in row



(DSCC photos)

The team of (photo above from left) Todd Sadler, Larry Wolfe, John Yinger and Kenny Youn won the 4th Annual Federal Executive Association golf tournament held Sept. 19 at the DSCC Eagle Eye Golf Course. The winning team turned in an 11 under par 59, which tied the score of the team with Ivan Hall, Dennis Canterbury, Bart Kenney and Tony Gerardi. The tie was broken by using the handicap scoring system and Yinger's team scored an eagle on the 9th hardest handicapped hole, No. 7. Kent Smith (right) hits his five-iron from the ninth hole tee box. A total of 10 teams participated in the annual tournament. The FEA of Central Ohio is an organization of executives and managers representing all federal offices and installations in central Ohio. The purpose of the organization is to improve coordination of agency activities in central Ohio.



# Back to school lessons from Social Security

By Jim Vess  
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

School children who find that during the school year that they need a reference source about how Social Security helps protect workers and their families now have a handy Web site address they can add to their computer favorites list.

It's called the "Kids and Families" page and is available at

[www.socialsecurity.gov/kids/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/kids/).

Younger kids will love the short stories and audio clips found on the "Kids' Place."

This feature explains, through the stories of a crow, grasshopper and pig, how Social Security helps people help themselves.

Older students will find that the "Fre-

quently Asked Questions" section addresses basic economics issues, such as "why Social Security?," "How does it work?" and "How do I use it?"

Parents can take a lesson from "Parents' Place," where they can find information about a baby's first Social Security number, about Social Security or Supplemental Security Income benefits for children and about using Social Security in family financial planning.

The Kids and Families page also features links to other related information, such as low-cost health care for children.

So, as evening homework sessions are getting under way, remember that if the topic of Social Security comes up, there is a handy reference source for everyone at [www.socialsecurity.gov/kids/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/kids/).



# 121st Air Refueling Wing active in hurricane relief efforts

From the Ohio Air National Guard

The Ohio Air National Guard's 121st Air Refueling Wing, located at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus, has been supporting hurricane relief efforts in several ways.

Since Sept. 1, the 121st ARW has flown at least seven KC-135s to transfer about 150 Ohio Army National Guardsmen providing security assistance to the damaged Gulf Coast region.

About 70 unit members are actively engaged in supporting Operation Provide Comfort for displaced citizens using facilities at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. This operation, led by the American Red Cross, provides temporary housing, food and family activities for about 30 Hurricane Katrina displaced citizens. Instrumental in the military effort have been Col. Jim Boling, Lt. Col. Tom Calhoun, Capt. Holly Mitchell and Carolyn Ebert.

"We are pleased to support the American Red Cross in the provision of a temporary home away from home for our guests," wing commander Col. Tom Botchie said.

Ohio Air National Guard C-130s from the 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield are also using the 121st's airstrip as part of their cargo or personnel transfer mission. Additional 121st ARW wing members have reported to the region to provide important area stabilization services. In the coming days, several KC-135s will be supporting the withdrawal of Ohio Army National Guardsmen from the Gulf Coast region back to Ohio.

In addition, various military aircraft were given shelter from Hurricane Ophelia at Rickenbacker.

The indigenous skills and capabilities the National Guard may use to respond to natural disasters are the same ones that enable it to successfully respond to potential terrorist threats. The National Guard is always the first military



(Ohio Air National Guard photo) HMMWVs that will be used by Ohio National Guard members are loaded for transportation to the Gulf Coast region devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

responder and will continue to be deployed into the areas of need as long as governors need them. The National Guard presence provides the opportunity for normalization of

local government activities in the Gulf area, Botchie said.

Overall, the Air National Guard throughout the nation has flown  
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## Kickoff

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for their quality of life," said Stevens, noting the benefits of local service providers, parks and other organizations to local residents.

Those local agencies will still need assistance throughout the year, Stevens said.

"Because of your willingness to give to those who have less, we can meet that challenge," he said.

The DSCC campaign will be held through Nov. 1. The theme for 2005 is "The Power of One."

To learn more about the various agencies that participate

in the CFC, associates may attend the Agency Fair that will be held Oct. 5 in the Building 20 cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Local fundraisers, which are subject to change, are listed with this article. Associates may also access the fundraiser list and an electronic version of the resource guide book by logging on to [www.dscc.dla.mil/news/events/cfc](http://www.dscc.dla.mil/news/events/cfc).

Anyone who would like more information on CFC can call DSCC campaign coordinator Joyce Bryant at 614-692-2928, or Stevens at 614-227-2751.



(DSCC photo by Chuck Moffett) James Stevens of the United Way of Franklin County, the guest speaker for the Combined Federal Campaign kickoff ceremony at DSCC, stressed the importance of supporting local agencies.



(DSCC photo by Chuck Moffett) James Columbo, a civil engineer in DLA Enterprise Support-Columbus, looks through his CFC training booklet prior to the start of the CFC kickoff ceremony at DSCC.

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## Relief

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9,500 missions, carried 58,934 passengers and 13,579 tons of cargo, and saved 11,130 lives as of Sept. 16 in response to Hurricane Katrina.

The primary mission of the 121st ARW is to provide aerial refueling to the U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps, and allied aircraft. It is comprised of about 1,400 members. The 121st performs worldwide refueling and transport missions on a daily basis during times of peace as well as during times of international conflict.



(Ohio Air National Guard photo)

Members of the Ohio Air National Guard's 121st Air Refueling Wing load supplies into a KC-135 for transportation to the Gulf Coast region devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

## Toastmasters

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Although members and guests are encouraged to speak, they aren't obligated to do so. These random topics keep the members relaxed and the meetings exciting.

The newly elected president of DFAS Toastmasters, Fon Holloway, gave his sixth speech July 26 on "DFAS made simple." He said, "It teaches us to talk, listen, share and lead." That is the DFAS Toastmasters in a nutshell.

Leaders aren't born, they're made. Toastmasters stresses the fact that leadership takes practice. Communicating in the work-

place is vital to an organization's success. Poor external communication with customers can be as devastating to a company as poor internal communication. Effective communicators are also able to accept criticism more openly and are more willing to learn from it.

The DFAS Columbus Toastmasters is eager for new members to join and encourages anyone who wants to attend a meeting to do so even if it's just to feel things out. More information about the group can be found at [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

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### Appliances

**WASHER & DRYER** - \$60 each OBO; stenography machine with stand, \$60 OBO, call 614-866-8837.

**AIR CONDITIONER** - Room AC, White Westinghouse, 5050 BTUs, 6.2 amps, used four seasons, nights only, one room only, \$25, 614-692-8725.

### Appliances

**APPLIANCES** - Dishwasher, black \$50; refrigerator/freezer, 19 CU, white \$200; gas stove, white, \$250, 614-692-9785.

**RANGE HOOD** - Nutone range hood, 30", model RL-6200, color bisque, used sparingly, \$20, call 614-692-7928.

**WASHER & DRYER** - GE washer and gas dryer, white, heavy duty, new, never used, \$400, 614-920-2533.

### Furniture

**ANTIQUE WARDROBE** - Dark wood with bottom drawer, GC, asking \$175, call 614-692-6167.

**BOOK SHELF** - Three shelves, double slide drawer on bottom, brown particle board, perfect for kid's room, \$15, 614-595-6223.

**CHAIR** - Wingback, green/brown print, GC, must sell, \$45, Reynoldsburg area, call 614-861-3417 before 8 pm.

**COMPUTER DESK** - Oak with large file drawers, paid \$500, asking \$225; Oak futon with top line mattress, paid \$500, asking \$225, 614-562-1727.

**CONFERENCE TABLE** - Seven-foot oval, solid burled oak, chrome legs, like new, would make beautiful desk, \$200, 614-692-9985 or 614-784-8502 evenings.

**DESK CHAIR** - Executive desk chair, black leather, EC, asking \$30, call 614-692-6167.

**SECTIONAL COUCH** - Italian leather Chateau d'Ax, burgundy, three pieces with chaise lounge, EC, originally \$2,000 at Kittles, asking \$1,200, 614-692-6167.

**WATERBED** - Queen, four drawer base, side bumpers, headboard with rose motif cabinets, heater, new bladder and liner, \$200, 614-231-4480.

### Misc. Stuff

**BIKE RACK** - Hollywood brand automobile bike rack, used three times, easily carries three bikes, instruction manual, will bring to DSCC, \$25, 614-595-6223.

**HOME GYM** - Crossbow by Weider, 240 lb. total weight, lat tower w/lat bar, leg developer, hardly used, must sell, \$225, 614-657-3220.

**LAWNMOWER** - Honda, key start, self-propelled, yearly maintenance, \$200, 614-692-6031.

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**JACKET** - Designer XL leather jacket, Serge Platini, black, zip in/out lining, worn once, cost \$250, first \$50 takes it, 614-693-1230 or 740-687-0902 after 5 p.m.

**TELESCOPE** - Galileo 1100x102 mm reflector, HR20mm, 3X Barlow and zoom lens, Mars finder scope, tripod w/level & compass, like new, PCS-ing, \$150 OBO, 614-492-2978 or 614-657-3220.

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### Misc. Stuff

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### Autos

**CHEVY '86** - Caprice Classic Brougham, GC, auto, AC, AM/FM/cassette, one owner, dark metallic blue, 95,000 miles, sharp!, \$6,000 OBO, 614-693-0520.

**CHEVY '94** - Corsica, maroon, 136,900 miles, 4-dr., AC/PS/PB, power doors, new engine w/88,000 miles, GC, \$1000 OBO, 614-231-4480.

**FORD 2000** - Mustang, EC, cruise, alarm, AM/FM/Cassette/CD, tilt wheel, power seats, remote doors, sleek beauty black \$9,000, 614-864-2600.

### Autos

**FORD '95** - Mustang GT, 5.0L, 5-speed, white, new black leather, 17" Cobra wheels, new tires, tons of upgrades, \$6,800, 614-283-9450.

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**GLASTRON '73** - 15-foot, great shape, 1983 80 HP Mercury engine, runs great, trailer included, \$1,500 OBO, call 614-679-5502.

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**TIDECRAFT '81** - Bass boat, 15.5 ft., V-bottom fiberglass, GC, used this summer, troll motor, etc., \$1,895, 614-891-9175 after 6:30 p.m.

### Motorcycles

**HONDA '84** - Shadow 700cc, GC, new tires, \$1,700, for more information call 614-946-9819 or onlyyng1ce@hotmail.com.

**MOTORCYCLE HELMET** - Chrome XL German motorcycle helmet, never used bought at Big Dog Columbus, too big, \$35, 740-687-0902 evenings or 614-693-1230.

**YAMAHA 2003** - V-Star 650, wife ridden, two-tone purple, windshield, saddlebags, 2,700 miles, bought new in 2004, \$4,500, 740-687-0902 evenings, or 614-693-1230.

### Sport Utility 4X4

**CHEVY 2000** - Blazer, silver grey, grey interior, automatic, 120,000 miles, \$7,200, 614-946-9819 or onlyyng1ce@hotmail.com

### Sport Utility 4X4

**CHEVY '93** - S10 Blazer, 6-cyl., 4-door, 65,000 miles, red with black interior, original owner, \$2,800, 614-861-2879.

**CHRYSLER 2004** - Pacifica, 34,000 miles, light blue, owe \$18,000, will sell for \$18,000, 614-562-1727.

**OLDSMOBILE '92** - Bravada, 4.3 liter V-6, power windows and locks, trailer hitch, AWD, \$1,275 OBO, 614-488-4492 or 614-327-1221.

### Trucks/Vans

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